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The Homestead Midway resort gets a facelift

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WHEN I THINK of The Homestead, a flood of childhood memories comes to mind. First, there were the ducks, which played in the stream that meandered through the well-kept yard behind the dining room. I remember looking out the lattice windows at them as they quacked and shook their white feathers, careful to stay clear of the small wooden water wheel that turned ever so slowly, if at all.

While the ducks were playing, I was eating. In particular I remember hot rolls dripping with butter and smothered with honey or jam. My tiny hand, sticky from the honey, grabbed one roll after the other, keeping the bread basket on our table perpetually empty. There were green beans on my plate, and a potato with sour cream. I don't remember what else. It was the rolls I went there to eat.

I also recall sitting down in the rustic dining room with wet hair, the result of having just come from the swimming pools. The Homestead had two pools. A heated indoor pool and an outdoor pool. It still does.

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The main lodge at the Homestead. The resort, established in 1886, is being renovated and updated.



The Big Hot Pot at Midway. The "pot" was formed as boiling lime water bubbled over the edge. The bottom of the pool of boiling water has not been found, though many have tried. The water from the pot is now used in pools at the Homestead resort.

found at one hundred and fifty feet." Of the big pot it has been said that water used to run over the top in the spring of the year and down the sides onto the fields.

"In one of the dry craters," continued the Journal, "called Snake Creek Den, between four and five hundred rattlesnakes were killed in a single day. In the spring they appeared on the outside of the crater and formed into groups that would fill a bushel basket. They would tie themselves into knots with their heads sticking out in all directions for protection. The country around these pots is apparently hollow as indicated by sounds caused by rumbling wheels passing over it."

These pots were taken up as homestead grounds in 1875, by Samuel Thompson, Tom Mantle and Hyrum Shelton. On March 10, 1888 Andrew Luke and John Busby purchased the pots for \$600 and renamed the area Luke's Hot Pots.

Originally, Luke's Hot Pots was paid for with an Indian saddle horse and a secondhand sewing machine. It later sold for more than \$100,000.

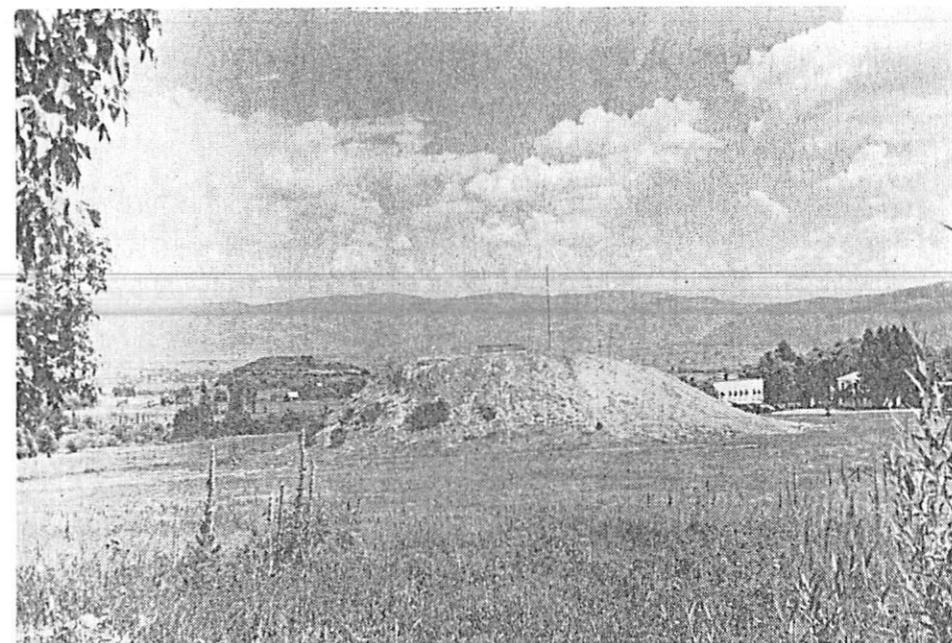
In 1878 Simon Schneitter bought from Samuel Thompson, and with a few chickens and cows started to farm his ground. When Park City

RECREATION

Baseball was the favorite sport in Wasatch County. The ball grounds in the eastern part of Heber City were the scene of many hotly waged contests between local county teams. A typical game would be similar to that between the Heber Red Stockings and a picked nine. For the Reds, Ed. Murdock was the pitcher; Fred Crook, catcher; A. Shanks, first base; Jesse Bond, second base; and R. Barnes, third base. The game occupied the whole afternoon. The final score was thirty-one to twenty-seven in favor of the picked nine.⁵ Nor were these exceptionally high scores. In one account of a game between Wallsburg and Charleston the score was fifty-two to forty-nine, when, according to the newspaper account, "the boys got tired and didn't finish the game."⁶

Wasatch Wave, April 6, 1889.

Ibid.



Schneiter's Hot Pots, Midway